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Guide to Collection

Childs, Elizabeth Richardson, 1899- , Collector

Elizabeth R. Childs Photograph Collection :

**Margaret Richardson Cutler, teacher
in Alaska, 1924-1954.**

PCA 37

1 folder, 1 box
58 photographs, original negatives

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Margaret Richardson (Elizabeth Child's younger sister) left Oregon for Alaska in 1924 and spent the next 25 years teaching in rural villages, including Old Fort Hamilton, Belkovsky, Chignik, Cordova, Annette Island, Anvik, Fort Richardson and Nome. In addition to teaching, she served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. Margaret married R.C. Cutler in 1943, a homesteader in Homer. She died in an automobile accident April 5, 1954. Elizabeth and Margaret's younger sister, Marion, also went to Alaska to teach. Elizabeth wrote her sisters' story in, Teachers In The Alaska Wilderness.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

These photographs, donated by Margaret Richardson's sister, Elizabeth R. Childs, include views of Chignik, Kodiak, Alitak, Seldovia, Homer, Anvik and Annette Island, students, Margaret's cabin.

INVENTORY

1. [Chignik, Alaska 1935. Winter scene showing girl with broom and dog (Popeeguk) playing. Two buildings, a vessel and mountains in view.]
2. [Chignik, Alaska. Oct., 1934. Camp Speelyai Creek]
3. [Chignik, Alaska. May, 1936. Aerial view. Piles not yet driven into traps, creek separates the school from the cannery]
4. [Chignik, Alaska, July 4, 1937. Fourth of July Parade on boardwalk.]
5. Kodiak, Alaska. [1941. Town in foreground]
6. [Kodiak, Alaska, 1941. Schoolhouse]
7. [Kodiak, Alaska, 1941. Homes with mountains in background]
8. [Alitak, Alaska, 1935. Homes in a field]
9. [Chignik, Alaska, 1938. Five people and a dog standing by one of three buildings.]
10. [Chignik, Alaska, 1941. Students standing and sitting outside school building.]

11. [Seldovia, Alaska. Minnie Jones, Fanny Hayes, Jackie Mihill and Goldie standing outside Post Office Building.]
12. [Annie (Onushka) Osbekoff, a full blooded Aleut., with dog, Popeeguk, July 1937]
13. [Homer, Alaska, 1931. Ethel Goldsnok and unidentified man each holding an axe, building a cabin]
14. [Chignik, Alaska 1937. Five girls wearing Hawaiian costumes and holding various musical instruments sitting in grass]
15. [Chignik, Alaska, April 1938. Woman collecting water in a bucket from the village water hole]
16. [Homer, Alaska 1930 or 1931. Charlie Erickson., Jack Harrington, Stanley Nielson and Perry H? holding 3 poles together forming a teepee. Jane in doorway of house on left.]
17. [Homer, Alaska, 1939. Margaret Richardson and dog, Popeeguk outside side of log house with stone fireplace and chimney.]
18. [Homer, Alaska, Oct., 1938. Log Cabin (Margaret's) surrounded by trees.]
19. [Chignik ?,Alaska. April, 1938. Popeeguk and two children pointing to a snowslide.]
20. [Alitak, Alaska 1935. Showing the village and boats by docks.]
21. [Homer, Alaska, 1943. Two Seldovia school teachers and a man in a cart being pulled by a cow.]
22. [Homer, Alaska, 1950. Margaret holding a cat, standing by small log cache.]
23. [Homer, Alaska, 1929. Margaret and others raising the American flag in front of the school.]
24. [Chignik, Alaska, 1937. Interior view of the cannery.]
25. [Homer, Alaska 1940. Homer Heights School.]
26. [Riverboat Nenana]
27. [Dog sled team on snow.]

28. [Anchorage, Alaska. Street scene with Hewitt's Drugs, Cheechako Tavern Cafe, and Anchorage Fur Rendezvous sign in view]
29. [Chignik, Alaska. Crowd standing on block watching the DENALI depart]
30. [Chignik, Alaska. The STARR approaching the dock]
31. [Annette Island. Margaret standing in front of Service Club building.]
32. [Three men and a woman standing in front of a log church.]
33. [Homer, Alaska. Group of women and children sitting along rock beach.]
34. [Homer, Alaska. Cows grazing on snow covered farmland.]
35. [Homer, Alaska. Children standing by school building.]
36. [Homer, Alaska. Man on skis and dog standing near small building]
37. [Homer, Alaska Children sitting in horse drawn cart]
38. [Homer, Alaska. Farm scene showing cow in yoke pulling hay.]
39. [Homer, Alaska. Winter scene showing man with backpack standing near cabin.]
40. [Homer, Alaska. Man and cows on farm.]
41. [Homer, Alaska. Children on skis .]
42. [Homer, Alaska. Woman on cross country skis.]
43. [Anvik, Alaska. Man and dogs along snowy shore]
44. [Anvik, Alaska. Child in front of log cache pulling dog on a harness.]
45. [Anvik, Alaska. Children and one adult standing in front of building.]
46. [Anvik, Alaska. Margaret standing in front of log building]
47. [Anvik, Alaska. Man standing next to a black cow.]
48. [Anvik, Alaska. Four children in parkas standing in front of small log building]

49. [Anvik, Alaska. Two women wearing parkas and fur boots. Agatha Chase on left.]
50. [Annette Island. Interior of schoolroom]
51. [Annette Island. Halloween celebration in front of House of Horrows.1]
52. [Annette Island. Group standing in front of Schoolhouse.]
53. [Annette Island. Group of children surrounding woman holding a heart shaped cake.]
54. [Unidentified building, possibly Ft. Richardson]
55. [Margaret and another woman with dog.]
56. [Log cabin school house with children, skis, and flag pole in front.]

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